Functions of the Tahsildar of Chirayinkil.

110. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the official functions of the Tahsildar of Chirayinkil taluk has to discharge?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The Tahsildar, Chirayinkil taluk, besides being the Chief Revenue Officer of the taluk, is also the Taluk First Class Magistrate, the Sub-Treasury Officer, the Taluk Jenmikaram Settlement Officer, the Income Tax Collector and the Municipal President, Attingal.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the Tahsildar, Chirayinkil, has sent any report to the Government saying that he is not able to cope with the large volume of work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Not that I am aware of.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether that Tahsildar is discharging his duties satisfactorily?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): He is functioning as well as any other Tahsildar.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether there was any defalcation in the Attingal Municipality during his time?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Government are not aware of any.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know the reason for making the Tahsildar the President of the Municipality in the place of the Headmaster of the High School who was the official President?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That incident happened some years ago; and I cannot recollect the incident regarding that at present.

Water for Pilgrims to the Sabarimala Sastha temple.

111. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the hardship caused to the pilgrims bound to the Sabarimala Sastha temple on account of not getting good drinking water on their way?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, in some of the halting places such as Karimala, Elavungal and Thalappara kotta; proposals for the sinking of deep and large wells in those places are under investigation.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know from the member the distance from these places to Sabarimala?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the distance from Thalappara kotta to Sabarimala?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am sorry I cannot answer that question now.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know who is conducting this investigation ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Dewaswom Commissioner has reported that investigations are being conducted, evidently by the Maramat Engineer.

Steps for the supply of water to pilgrims to the Sabarimala Sastha temple.

112. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before them for the supply of good drinking water to the pilgrims on their way to and from the Sabarimala Sastha temple during the months of Dhanu and Makaram ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkill II*): May I know from the member whether the pilgrims return by different routes ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They may be doing so. I am not sure, because I have not gone there myself.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the Devaswom Commissioner has reported to Government that there is necessity for supplying good drinking water to the pilgrims on their return journey ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has reported that there is difficutty in getting good drinking water and that investigations are being made to see how far it is possible to supply drinking water.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the nature of the investigations that are being carried out ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has only reported that investigations are being conducted and that the places mentioned are so rocky and infested with wild animals that ordinary open wells cannot be sunk. I believe his idea is to provide protected wells. He has stated that the whole matter is under investigation.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the pilgrims will be supplied with good drinking water before the next festival ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say whether the investigations will be completed and wells sunk before the next annual pilgrimage. All that is possible will be done.

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